



7/9/98 Crushed

The victim and his coworker attached slings of cedar to a drop line of a helicopter. The pilot was signaled to lift the load. As the load left the ground, the spliced eye of the sling attached to the drop line hook on the helicopter pulled out. The workers had traveled into the flight path on the way to the next sling to be hooked. When the sling dropped, it crushed the victim. A wife and daughter survive him.

Questions to ask?

- When moving materials of any kind, are procedures enforced that will maintain a safety zone?
- Are riggings inspected regularly?